



# BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

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## VBt police arrest man with shotgun, drugs

Joshua Michael Emery, a 44-year-old male from Battle Creek, was video-arraigned on five charges while in custody in a hospital bed on Sept. 8 by 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Lisa Martin.



Emery

Emery, a convicted felon with a warrant for his arrest, was arrested by Van Buren Township police after he waved a loaded shotgun around and racked it during a traffic stop at McDonald's parking lot on Rawsonville Road.

Deputy Police Chief Joshua Monte said on Sept. 5 at about 1:15 p.m., a Van Buren officer pulled over a vehicle for having an improper plate on Rawsonville Road near Grove Road. The vehicle pulled into the McDonald's parking lot and parked.

The female front-seat passenger was taken into custody without incident after she was found to be wanted on a felony warrant.

Emery could not produce a driver's license, became increasingly agitated and non-compliant, giving the officer several false names while refusing to exit the vehicle. Emery rolled the driver's side window up while retrieving a shotgun from the backseat of the vehicle.

The officer broke out the driver's side window in an attempt to grab the shotgun from the driver. Failing to disarm the driver, the officer retreated to a position of cover, Deputy Chief Monte said.

Van Buren police with the assistance of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies, established a perimeter in the area and attempted to negotiate the surrender of Emery, who continuously indicated that he

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

After watching the chairs assembled, they posed for a picture. Standing from left are Reginald Washington of Gardner White Auburn Hill's location, Kent Emerson of Victoria Commons, Warthog and Washtenaw County Sheriff's Deputy Thomas Guynes, firefighter Rob Gay, firefighter Andrew Landskroner, Warthogs Ray Martin and David Fisher, and Jacques Senter of Gardner White. Trying out the chairs, from left, are fire fighter Mike Wisniewski and Lt. Rich Landskroner. Not in the photo is Mariam Elias, a representative from Gardner White, who was videotaping the whole event.

## Warthogs, Gardner White team up to help Belleville FD

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Ray Martin, the vice president of Victoria Commons Homeowners Association, is also president of the Washtenaw County Warthogs, a motorcycle club of first responders who raise funds to support public safety officers.

Martin said he stopped by the Belleville

Fire Department to see what they needed and was shown the meeting room fire fighters had been renovating. It turned out they could use some recliners.

Martin teamed up with Gardner White who agreed to donate two new recliners to the fire fighters. On Sept. 6, the recliners were delivered and assembled for the Belleville Fire Department, as a small

crowd watched.

Martin said the Warthogs is made up of active and retired police officers, fire fighters, E.M.T.s and court officers who ride motorcycles and work together to help first responders. He said there are 99 chapters in the U.S., Canada, and Norway.

## Republic Wastes sells Belleville trash pickup contract to Priority-1

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At the Sept. 5 meeting of the Belleville City Council, DPW Director Rick Rutherford announced that he got a call on Sept. 1 from Republic Waste announcing that it had sold its residential trash pickup

contract with the city of Belleville to Priority-1 Waste.

Rutherford said they told him they are getting out of residential trash and Priority-1 will honor the contract with the city.

"Priority-1 has bought out Belleville," he said.

Rutherford said the city's contract expires next September and so there will be ongoing negotiations.



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## City Council approves taking \$3.5M road project to voters

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council voted unanimously at its Sept. 5 meeting to take the question of whether to levy less than one mill for 15 years to bond for \$3.5 million to bring all of the roads in the city into good shape.

It's too late to get it on the November ballot, so the council foresees putting it on the February ballot at the earliest.

As part of the project, the city would put \$180,000 a year into the work from the Act 51 revenue and local gas taxes it gets to help keep the costs down.

The levy is expected to be around .95 or .98 mill, depending on interest rates.

Financial consultant Kari Blanchett had conferred with the council at a previous meeting and she provided charts for the Sept. 5 meeting and was available by zoom for questions.

The item "Road Funding" was on the agenda, but a discussion was expected. The council discussed the issue yet again and then unexpectedly opted for a decision.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt was absent from the meeting because he was in Alaska. Voigt is the only candidate running for mayor in the November election and is likely to be in charge of the big road program if voters approve it.

DPW Director Rick Rutherford said \$3.25 million would be enough for the work, which would take two construction seasons to get most of it done, especially with the Harbour Pointe component.

He estimated it would take \$2.5 million to do the work in Harbour Pointe subdivision.

Jason Smith, who had been named new city manager at a previous meeting, joined in the discussion, saying the city could borrow from Water and Sewer. He said about 25% is fund balance and when that amount gets to a point, it is too high and you have to spend it down.

Smith said if you do all the roads in one year, then in 25 years you'll have to do them all again in the same year. But, he noted, costs are going up so it's best to do the work as soon as possible.

Mayor Kerreen Conley noted that the Downtown Development Authority bonds for the Main Street work will be paid off sometime during this new bond issue.

Martha Hanoian, director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, said she was a new resident of the city. She asked if any of the millage would be falling off soon.

Mayor Conley said she doesn't see any lowering of the public safety millage.

Councilman Tom Fielder, who also is not running for reelection, said the city is capped at 20 mills, but with the Headlee provisions, it now is at 18 mills.

Councilman Fielder said for the last two

to three years, residents have been telling the council they want better roads.

Councilman Joshua Beebe, who lives on Church Street and is running for reelection, asked how much of the total it would take to fix Harbour Pointe streets and Rutherford said it was a little over \$2 million.

Councilman Beebe asked if there was any way to have a special assessment for those in Harbour Pointe so they would pay more than others in the city for the project.

Mike Renaud, a resident of Harbour Pointe, said the council looked at that.

Mayor Conley, a resident of Harbour Pointe, said they found the special assessment would be tied to the property and people had to pay it off before selling their property. Residents were against it.

She said her share of the special assessment would be \$10,000 and she was willing to write a check for that.

Councilman Beebe said a big part of the bond is Harbour Pointe, so maybe those residents could pay more.

"We've exhausted that," Rutherford said, referring to the public meetings and proposals in the past.

Mayor Conley said if you don't get Harbour Pointe residents to agree, everything else falls apart.

Beebe said it seems kind of crazy that he would be paying for the Harbour Pointe street repair.

Renaud said that Harbour Pointe pays more taxes than anyplace in town.

"We haven't seen a reduction in taxes over the last 20 years as the roads deteriorated," Renaud said. "It was considered a premier community in 2000 ... Because they've been ignored for so long, they've gotten worse ... A lot has been done in the city, but not at Harbour Pointe."

He said the three massive trucks coming through the subdivision streets every week do damage to the already deteriorated streets.

Fielder said he lives on Henry Street, a deadend street, which gets little traffic.

He said there is a saying, "If nobody's happy, it's probably the best way to do it." "Well, fine!" Beebe conceded.

Mayor Conley said this proposal has higher likelihood of bringing roads into good shape throughout the city.

Fielder said since he isn't on the ballot, he would make the motion to bring the proposal to the voters. The motion passed unanimously.

In other business at the Sept. 5 meeting, the council:

- Approved the special event application for the Community Art Walk, from 12:30 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, starting on the Fourth Street Square. The event is to highlight the various artworks in the city. Live bands at the Fourth Street Square and



During the storms last week a large tree branch came down in the old part of Hillside Cemetery. Belleville DPW Director Rick Rutherford said they couldn't remove it themselves because it was so big, but when they do get a contractor they'll be able to see the damage to the old tombstones.

document-led tours of the DIA "Inside/Out" works at 1 and 3 p.m. Event is sponsored by Councilman Ken Voigt and Belleville Area Council for the Arts;

- Approved the special event application of Egan's Pub for the Witches' Ball from 6 p.m. until midnight on Oct. 27 in a tent that will be erected in the Fourth Street Square. John Winter said the masquerade party for women event is a benefit for Guiding Harbor;

- Approved the special event application for Winter Fest, Nov. 30 through Dec. 3, sponsored by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. Hanoian said the title for the Saturday parade is "Christmas Characters" and participants should not dress as Santa or Mrs. Santa. She said it is Van Buren Township Fire Department's turn to bring Santa to town. She said there will be no ice rink this year and that will be replaced with a Holiday Village where kids can go from place to place. She said they will have inflatables if the weather cooperates and a soup crawl. She asked for the closing of Fourth Street Place for activities from Thursday evening through the weekend. There will be carriage rides on Saturday and Sunday and a CARE drive on Sunday. And, fireworks from the Denton Road Bridge causeway. The approval included extension to midnight on Friday and Saturday of the DORA (Designated Outdoor Recreation Area) hours;

- Heard Fielder report that the Festival of Holiday Trees is back at the museum which is reopening and will be a great background

for the Central Business Community's visits with Santa. Acting City Manager Steve Jones suggested the city decorate a tree at the museum. Mayor Conley asked if the city wanted to do a float in the parade and a tree, as well, implying it's usually hard enough just to get the float in place;

- Approved allocating \$59,931 for new police department encryption radios, with the purchase of Kenwood Radios from Spectrum Wireless. There is five-year total warranty for all equipment;

- Removed a proposal from the agenda to approve the EV Charging Station contract until the attorney reviews it. It will be placed on the next meeting agenda. The contract places the EV stations in the parking lots at Horizon Park, N. Liberty Street, Victory Park, Village Park and Belleville Area District Library; and

- Approved accounts payable, with a corrected figure, and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Mueller Company, \$2,915.89 for annual software maintenance renewal and \$1,378.98 for water meters, DPW; to Safety Track, \$2,584.06, installation of tracking devices on police and DPW vehicles; to R&R Firetruck Repair Inc., \$45,491.34, the final payment of the city's portion for the fire truck; to Lexipol LLC, \$1,650.06, training site for fire and EMS; to ESO Solutions, Inc., \$2,502.40, for software reporting program for fire and EMS; and to Safety Track, \$629.55 for Fleet Management for DPW and PD vehicles.



# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial

### Local residents going crazy over AT&T excuses

AT&T telephone land lines haven't been working in this area since Aug. 24, the day we had a big storm.

Yesterday, a resident came into our office to announce – in great frustration -- she was just told she wouldn't get her service back until the end of September.

For service to be out for more than a month is most peculiar. People have been calling AT&T and getting excuses like the storm ruined some equipment and they are fixing it.

AT&T also has hired people who are going to the doors of their customers offering them cell phones to use and promising to pay for a week or so of their non-existent service.

There are those who say it must have been a cyberattack and/or a large ransom has been demanded. That's possible, we guess.

A man called our office and said he and his wife are senior citizens who live out in the country in Sumpter Township and they depend on their phone for health assistance. They are more than distraught.

A woman called to say she, too, lives out in Sumpter and works from her home. She said with her land line down, she tries to use her cell phone, but service is so bad she has to go outside to make a call.

Whatever the real reason for the AT&T failure, we know people are leaving them to find a reliable service. There are options.

Lisa Lothringer, the former assistant director of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, was named DDA Director/Economic Development Director of the city of Woodhaven at its meeting on Sept. 5. She took office on Sept. 6.

Lisa had worked very hard for VBT and assisted former DDA Director Susan Ireland. When Susan retired, the township retired Lisa, as well. After completing some home improvement projects and helping her son and husband heal, she's back at work. She and her husband and twins live in Monroe.

The new VBT DDA Director Merrie Coburn does not have an assistant.

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My son Bill reported that he was on his way to work in Romulus at about 5 a.m. last Thursday, when he heard WWJ radio reporter Charlie Langton interviewing Van Buren Township Police Lt. Charles Bazy. Lt. Bazy said he, Chief Jason Wright, and Deputy Chief Joshua Monte were at the FBI National Training Conference at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Langton asked Lt. Bazy what salaries for Van Buren police were and Bazy said \$60,000 was starting, going up to \$90,000 to top out. The PD is fully staffed now.

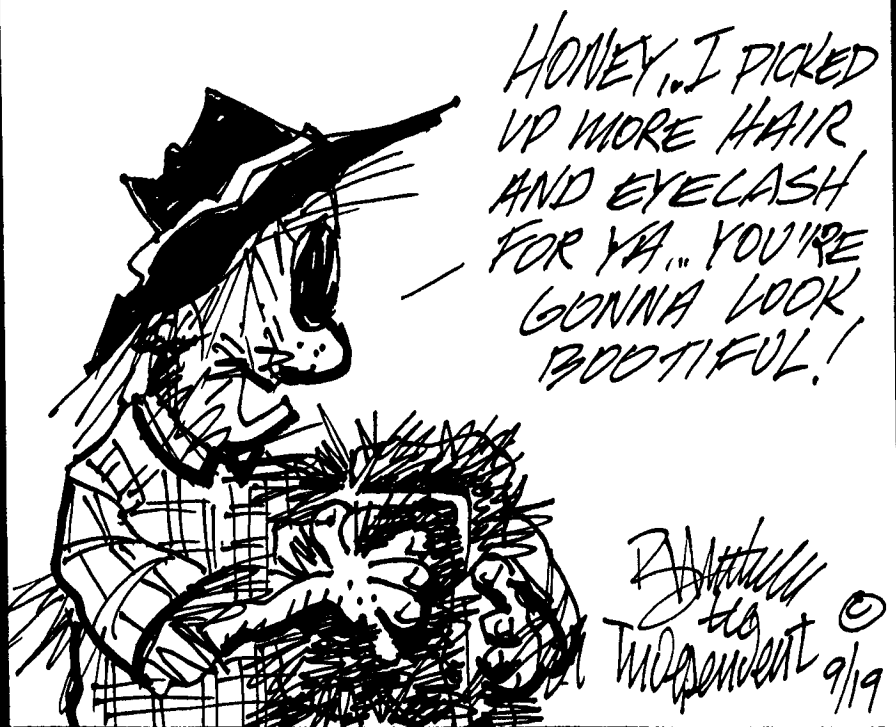
Bazy said the VBT salaries aren't the highest, but police officers have a pension, great benefits, and full support from the township board and the community. That's what makes the difference, he said.

He said Langton also put him on Channel 2 and then there was an interesting discussion about police on "Let it Rip."

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Vesta Losen and Sandi Fields attended the world premiere of the movie "Fly Old

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Bird: Escape to the Ark" in Tecumseh on Saturday afternoon and report the Tecumseh Center for the Arts was almost completely filled, with up to 800 people present. They knew the film's star Alan Maki before he was from Belleville High School in 1968.

He and his son Shaun made the film, with other family members and members of the community. On Saturday, people were very interested in looking at the old car used in the movie, which was on display.

Losen reported that during his remarks at the theater, Maki thanked me and the *Independent* for letting the public know about his movie. We published a story and picture in the Aug. 10 edition.

Losen said she has seen Maki's two previous movies which were good, but she said this one is the best. She said the story is very good and down to earth.

The film involves a feisty widower with pre-dementia symptoms who teams up with a weak-hearted and endearing neighbor to flee from nursing home prospects and take an evasive backroad trip to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky, trading cars and license plates to outwit pursuers along the way.

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A reader called last week to tell us that her pastor at Grace Baptist Church teaches members that numbers have meaning. She said the last cartoon drawn by *Independent* employee Bob Mytych, who died suddenly

on Aug. 19 at his home, carried the number 7 in a circle. She said 7 is the number of completion and, maybe, Bob knew inside that his life was over when he drew that cartoon.

That last cartoon was published in the Aug. 17 issue and it shows two ducks talking. The rubber duckie, which was promoting an upcoming Rotary Club fund raiser, had the number 7 on his back. The ducks are numbered for the race in Belleville Lake, so maybe it was just the duck's number.

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As of Monday afternoon, we received more than ten replies to last week's ad asking for someone to help deliver our *Independents* each week. We've got a driver scheduled to start this week and it's very exciting. Hope he likes it and it works out.

We had divvied up the route among the other four at the *Independent* since Bob's death, so this will be a big relief.

The first seven respondents to our ad came in to interview in person and it was very nice getting to know these interesting people. We've got a list of those interested now, in case our new delivery person decides to retire.

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## Letters

### My AT&T landline has been out since Aug. 24

To the editor:

I also haven't had my AT&T land line since Aug. 24. When I call repair, they are working on it. Each time I call, which is once a week, they keep changing when it will be ready. It is upsetting because my cell phone only works when I am outside or in my car.

I've just learned that it won't be fixed until the end of September.

JoAnn Hewitt

Van Buren Township

**Editor's Note:** The writer refers to a letter in last week's paper from Vic Franzoi who wrote about his AT&T land line being out since Aug. 24. Since then, we have received calls from our readers who say their AT&T lines have been out since that time, as well. Some are seniors who are depending on their phones for emergencies and others are trying to do their jobs by phone. And, my home AT&T landline is one of those still out.

### Join us for 'On the Waterfront' classic film

Dear Friends:

Please join us for the fall classic movie series, starting Thursday, Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. The Friends of the Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts are co-sponsoring three classic movies on the second Thursdays of the month.

The series will start with the 1954 crime drama, "On the Waterfront," winner of 8 Academy Awards, including Best Director, Elia Kazan, and Best Actor, Marlon Brando. John Monaghan, a former film critic for the Detroit Free Press, will be returning to introduce the film and lead a discussion after the movie.

The next used-book sale for the Friends of the Library will take place on Nov. 4 and 5. On Saturday there will be a pre-sale at 11 a.m.-noon for members of the Friends. The sale will be open to the public noon-3 p.m. On Sunday, 1-4 p.m., there will be a bag sale, at \$4 per bag.

Used holiday books are now on sale in the lobby of the library. Holiday DVDs, CDs and puzzles are also available.

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## Anniversary

Sept. 22 – Christopher and Christina Warren, 50 years

## Disappointed VBT brd. opted to cut down trees

To the editor:

I was disappointed by the Van Buren Township Board of Trustee's decision to cut down trees from the northwest corner of Belleville and Tyler roads. (*Independent* 8/10/23)

I'm skeptical the removal of the trees, which are personally not bothering anyone, would "improve drainage," more likely increase the chance of flooding.

Yet a goal is to put in soil erosion controls which could lead to the argument to keep the trees with their roots where they are.

The loss of those trees will decrease the air quality of this area which is needed considering all the dumps and that smokestack north of I-94 that doesn't quit. What we need is more trees, not less. That would even make the city and townships smell better especially when the wind shifts a certain way ... PU!

P.D. Myles

Van Buren Township resident

## Lori Day, Geof Bush presentation changed to Sept. 20 at air museum

The presentation by Lori Day and Geof Bush of Van Buren Township at the Yankee Air Museum, originally scheduled for Sept. 6 has been reset for Sept. 20, due to renovations under way at the museum.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., they will share their May 2023 adventures retracing the route of the final decisive battles of World War II.

Information at [YankeeAirMuseum.org](http://YankeeAirMuseum.org), (734) 483-4030.

### Correction:

**Kelly McWilliams wasn't at that subcommittee meeting**

On page three of the Aug. 24 edition of the *Independent*, we referred to Belleville DDA vice-chairperson Kelly McWilliams, who is a member of the subcommittee that suggested paid parking in the city's N. Liberty Street parking lot. McWilliams said while she is a member of the Economic Development subcommittee, she was not at the subcommittee meeting where paid parking was suggested. She said the downtown needs more parking, but she isn't sure this is the way to pursue it.

We apologize for the confusion.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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## VB T police

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did not want to go back to jail.

When attempts at negotiating failed, the Van Buren police deployed pepper spray (oleoresin capsicum) into the open window of the vehicle. While inside the vehicle, Emery stood up through the sunroof of the vehicle holding the shotgun. While racking a round into the chamber of the shotgun, he was struck with a kinetic impact projectile, which is like a "rubber bullet" deployed by the police. Shortly thereafter, Emery exited the vehicle and was taken into custody without further incident.

Emery was found to be a convicted felon, in possession of a loaded shotgun, wanted on a felony warrant out of Battle Creek, and found to be in possession of a large amount of methamphetamine.

At no time during this incident were shots fired by the police or the subject, Deputy Chief Monte said.

Emery was transported to a local hospital for medical evaluation, as per department policy, following the deployment of the less-than-lethal devices.

Deputy Chief Monte said the Van Buren Police Department would like to thank the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office for its assistance with this incident and express gratitude to the community for its patience for all the local road closures during this incident.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office charged Emery with one count of possession of firearms by a felon, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer, and two counts of felony firearm.

Judge Martin said Van Buren police had asked for \$500,000 bond with a GPS tether if bond was posted. She said Emery had a charge for an assaultive crime in 2017 and a felony home invasion in 2021 and was a threat to public safety. He is labeled as a habitual offender, fourth offence. She said his current charges are voluminous.

Judge Martin set bond at \$200,000/10% and the probable cause conference for Sept. 20.


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## Obituaries



Robert Donald Warren

### ROBERT DONALD WARREN

(May 21, 1943 – September 7, 2023)

Robert Donald Warren, age 80, of Belleville (Township of Van Buren) Michigan, passed away Thursday, September 7, 2023 at home in hospice care surrounded by his wife, brother, a cousin Patricia, niece and nephew. He was born May 21, 1943 in Highland Park, Michigan, the first of two sons of Helen Margaret and Robert Earl Warren.

He graduated from Allen Park High School, Allen Park, Michigan and went on to proudly serve his country in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps as a corpsman. He went on to (then) Delta College, where he met his future wife, Marcia Kaczmarek. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan, a Master's degree from Central Michigan University and Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from the University of Detroit-Mercy. He was also a member of Pi Tau Sigma, the international Honor Society for Mechanical Engineers.

Bob had a very strong interest in nature and wildlife and carried his love of nature throughout his life. He and Marcia loved to travel and took over a dozen cruises together, visiting 6 of the 7 continents.

Bob is survived by his wife of 53 years, Marcia, originally from Bay City Michigan and his younger brother Roger originally of Allen Park Michigan and now resides in Northern California near Sacramento. Bob has numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews on his wife's side, as well as 3 sisters-in-law, Janet Wodecki, Lee Kaczmarek and Lisa Warren. He is also survived by Roger's four children: Rachel, Nichole, Danielle and Garrett, and his beloved cousin, Patricia Case.

Dignified cremation rites will be according to his wishes. A Memorial Service will be Saturday, September 16, 2023 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 S. Huron River Drive, Belleville, Michigan 48111, (734) 697-4500. The family will welcome guests from 1-2 with a time for sharing from 2-3 p.m.

Charitable donations in lieu of flowers are appreciated. Donations can be made to the National Wild Life Federation, the First United Methodist Church of Belleville Food Closet or the American Cancer Society.  
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### GARY FRANKLIN KASSUBA

(January 29, 1947 – September 4, 2023)

Age 76, of Willis. Survived by wife Dolores; children Rhonda, Jeffery, and Kim; 6 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; sister Peggy. Funeral was Sept. 8. Interment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

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Michelle Ryan

### MICHELLE RYAN

(September 6, 1962 – August 23, 2023)

Our world lost its Northern Star with the passing of Michelle Ryan on August 23, 2023, two weeks shy of her 61st birthday. Michelle leaves behind her husband, Kerry Thomas, who adored her; two daughters, Amy and Roxy Gibbons; son Miles Thomas; stepson Ryan Thomas; and five grandchildren, Dominick, Desiray, Adahlia, Charlee, and Milo; siblings Theresa Jenks, Janet Ryan, John Ryan, and Richard Ryan; and oodles of friends who loved her.

Michelle was outgoing, friendly, loving, fun and funny. She could (and did) talk to anyone -- making friends wherever she went. Michelle was the polestar who kept her life-long friends close. Michelle and Kerry's home was the heart hub of family gatherings and was always open to family and friends, dogs, and cats.

Michelle was born September 6, 1962, and attended Van Buren schools, graduating from Belleville High School in 1980. She met her husband Kerry when they both worked at U of M until Michelle took early retirement to take care of her family. Michelle was the catalyst that kept old friends connected, always the one to reach out and plan get-togethers. Michelle was also passionate about social, racial, and economic justice. She remained socially and politically active as a volunteer for the campaign of then-unknown Shri Thanadar, recognizing that his values and commitment matched her own.

A celebration of her life is planned for Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 2 p.m. at the family's home at 6356 Sadie Lane, Van Buren Township. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the NIAAA ([www.niaaa.nih.gov](http://www.niaaa.nih.gov)).

"How lucky we are to have had someone that makes saying goodbye so hard."

– Winnie the Pooh.

### MARIAN GERTRUDE SCHILLER

(April 21, 1920 – September 6, 2023)

Age 103, of New Boston. Survived by her children: daughter-in-law Lois, Betty, Robert; grandchildren, great-grandchildren. Services were Sept. 12 at St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

## Four Belleville-area students named to SNHU President's List

Four Belleville-area students have been named to the Summer 2023 President's List for Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, NH. The summer terms run from May to August.

Named were Heidi Gohl, Aimee Rushlow, and Anna Pepper of Belleville and Kelsey McKnight of Van Buren Township.

Southern New Hampshire University is a private, nonprofit institution with a 90-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Its degrees are available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH.

# VBT Supervisor: We're handling crazy things happening every day

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

At the beginning of the Sept. 5 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor Kevin McNamara said he felt like he should bring up something about what's been happening.

"This is a great place to live, but with the MiG, floods, three tornados we know of, another apartment fire today, and again today a guy with a gun. It was a hostage situation.

"It seems like every day we're getting a crazy thing happening. Mother Nature seems to be coming after us with a lot of equal demands," he said.

Supervisor McNamara said he had to bring it up and couldn't help mentioning it.

Trustee Donald Boynton said with the supervisor mentioning things during the month of August, he wanted to say that he attended the fire department's critical situation training with Norfolk Southern railroad. Attending were EMS units, hazmat teams, FBI and other units and they worked on communication and putting out fires on trains.

"Hats off to Chief McNally and Fire Inspector Andrew Lenaghan," Trustee Boynton said of the training.

"I am going to finish out the conclusion to this. Of all the natural disasters we had, we responded really well. Nobody got hurt. Fire, nobody got hurt. MiG went down, blessing from God, nobody got hurt.

"We did have a shooting in Belleville the other day. What people don't seem to know is that we almost caught these guys before they got to Belleville. They pulled off the freeway and got on Belleville Road in a stolen Jeep and it dinged right into our dispatch.

"We immediately put out cars looking for him and Belleville found him, tracked him out Huron River Drive to Haggerty, but we picked it up to pull him over. But he took off running and we were running after him and started getting calls about the shooting in Belleville and we realized we probably had the guy who did the shooting."

McNamara said he got away, but the police in that area all know this community in Inkster of apartments and condos where they seem to run to because there are a maze of places to hide. He said they ditched the car and police got the gun.

"We got the car, hopefully filled with prints," McNamara said, noting the state police lab will look at that. "Everyone who does anything bad in VBT, they get caught .... I can't think of a single major crime where they haven't gotten caught ... We are as technologically advanced as anyone around and as bad as things are, we're doing a good job and handling it very well. I just want people to know that."

In other activity at the 38-minute, Sept. 5 meeting, the board:

- Held a moment of silence for the late Sharon Richendollar, an educator, and Bob Mytych, advertising director for the Independent newspaper;

- Approved a resolution setting the 2023 tax rate request: 0.8935 mill for township operating (reduced from the 1 mill allowed due to Headlee) and 6.3528 mills for public safety, a total of 7.2463 mills. Real and personal property value for 2023 is \$1,330,744,804 and the tax amounts to \$9,642,976. The public safety millage was approved by voters in 2016 and expires Dec. 31, 2023;

- Approved selecting Davenport Brothers Construction, the lower of two bidders, for the French Landing Dock renovation project for a total of \$616,900. This increases the budget amendment from \$925,000 to \$1,025,000. Originally budgeted for the dock was \$525,000 and the project came in \$91,900 over the projected project budget. The remaining \$8,100 expense will cover construction administration for the project, which is expected to be completed this year;

- Approved a \$50,423 agreement with Norfolk Southern Railroad to construct Iron Belle Trail Section J rail crossing on E. Huron River Drive, as originally approved by the board on Nov. 12, 2022. The cost is reimbursable from grants;

- Approved the alternate dates for the July and December Board of Reviews during the week of the third Monday in July and during the week of the second Monday in December, with meetings posted pursuant

to the Open Meetings Act;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Aaron Sellers to the Board of Zoning appeals with a term to expire Dec. 1, 2026;

- Approved transfer of ownership of parcel 83 022 99 0010 to Kassem Allie. The

township in 2014 acquired two parcels from the Wayne County First Right of Refusal. In 2018, Wayne County Corporate Counsel contacted the township saying an error was made and one parcel was to be deeded back

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## VBT

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to the rightful owner. The county failed to facilitate the necessary paperwork and the matter was addressed in June 2023. Allie will reimburse the township \$5,782.16 and Wayne County will pay for and record the deed due to the error;

- Approved stormwater maintenance agreements with Kenworth Trucking and Hampton Manor;

- Approved paying Wade Trim engineers \$98,394.92 to provide professional engineering design for the Belleville Road Reconstruction Project, which is expected for 2025;

- Approved purchasing two F-150 trucks for the Water and Sewer Department fleet for \$95,196.64; and

- Heard resident Vickie Gregory say she was surprised to learn recently that residents are now having to pay for trash pickup. She said the residents should have been notified and Supervisor McNamara told her the many ways the township had sent out the information to the residents, including publication in the *Independent*, the newspaper of record.

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- **Saturday, Sept. 16** – Belleville High School All-Class Reunion, doors open at 2:30 p.m. for social gathering, school tour, shopping in the BHS store. Dinner, 5-8 p.m. \$40 per person at the door. Held in the BHS Commons (cafeteria), 501 W. Columbia

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- **Monday, Sept. 18** – Egan's Pub Main Street Car Show, Mondays (weather permitting), June - September. 5-8 p.m. Main Street between Third and Fifth streets

- **Wednesday, Sept. 20** – Chamber of

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**MONSTER MUTT WALK APPLICATION**  
Saturday, October 21, 2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

During the month of October, the City of Belleville becomes "Booville". The Belleville Central Business Community is partnering with Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR) to host a **Costumed Monster Mutt Walk** from 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2023. The Walk will begin and end at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Place.

**The first 50 dogs registered will receive goodie bags;** however, registrations will also be taken the day of the event between 12:00 pm and 12:30 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place award medals will be given in three categories: Scariest, Cutest and Best Mutt, 1<sup>st</sup> only in Family category (family must dress also). In fact, it would be fun for everyone to wear a costume.

**The registration fee is \$10/dog plus a can of dog or cat food. Applications may be emailed** with your check sent to my attention at: Belleville Central Business Community, 152 Main Street, Suite 2, Belleville, MI 48111. Or you may email the application and pay with Venmo: @BellevilleCBC. You may bring the dog or cat food with you to the event plus the fee if you haven't advance registered.

**Monster Mutt Walk Rules**

- (1) All dogs must be leashed and current on vaccinations.
- (2) No aggressive dogs
- (3) Owners must clean up after their dogs (bags will be provided).
- (4) No dogs can be left unattended. Owners must keep their dogs in sight & under control at all times.
- (5) Owners are responsible for their dog's actions.

This event is sponsored by Tucker Insurance Agency, Wayne County Community College District, KSpringer Media Management & Belleville DDA. For any questions or concerns, I prefer you contact me via my email: [jfayemillard@att.net](mailto:jfayemillard@att.net) however, you may also call/text me at (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m.

Janet Millard, Event Coordinator, Belleville Central Business Community

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## Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Sept. 14 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Sept. 18 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.  
• Tuesday, Sept. 19 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.  
• Wednesday, Sept. 20 – Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.



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## BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Sept. 14** – Girls Golf vs. John Glenn HS, 3 p.m. at Willow Metropark GC; Boys JV Soccer vs. Dearborn HS, 4 p.m.; Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Stevenson HS, 4 p.m.; Freshman & JV Volleyball vs. Hartland HS, 5 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Dearborn HS, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Swim/Dive vs. Flat Rock & Wayne Memorial 6:30 p.m.; Varsity Volleyball vs. Hartland HS, 6:30 p.m.

• **Friday, Sept. 15** – Varsity Swim/Dive vs. Tiger Invite-Diving, 5 p.m.; Varsity Football vs. Dearborn HS, 7 p.m.

• **Saturday, Sept. 16** – Girls Swim/Dive vs. Tiger Invite, 10 a.m.

• **Tuesday, Sept. 19** – Boys & Girls Cross Country vs. Tri Meet, 4 p.m. at Willow Metropark, Chestnut Grove Area; Freshman & JV Volleyball vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 5 p.m.; Varsity Girls Swim/Dive vs. Lincoln HS, 6:30 p.m.; Varsity Volleyball vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 6:30 p.m.

Go Tigers!  
Diane Kiessel  
BHS Athletics Secretary



Sept. 14 – Tom Mitchell  
Sept. 16 – Thomas Millard  
Sept. 17 – Gayl Parr, Susan Sell  
Sept. 19 – Gary Fulton, Mary Ban  
Sept. 20 – Stephanie Priess  
Sept. 23 – Megan Holmes, Tyler Johnson

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### Booville 2023

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| 2. Youth Groups/Organizations | 4. Businesses                 |

Judging will take place during the **Farmers Market** on October 2.  
Winners will be announced at the City Council Meeting on October 16, 2023

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Category \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree to all the Scarecrow Contest rules. I also hereby release the Scarecrow Contest Committee and its employees, officers, and agents from all claims for loss, damage or injury incurred by Scarecrow Contest participants or their employees or agents.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Your name - the way it will appear on your sign (limit 5 words)

**All entry forms must be received by Wednesday, Sept 27**  
at Belleville City Hall 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111.

Applications may be mailed or dropped off at City Hall.

City of Belleville

## SCARECROW CONTEST

## INFORMATION AND RULES

1. Scarecrow Contest Area will be Main Street. Placements will be determined by the Scarecrow Contest Committee. Entries in the "Business" category will be displayed as close to the Business as possible, providing it is located in the Contest Area.
2. Decorations may be purchased or made. Decorations made of cardboard or paper are discouraged. Items should be tied or wired securely to resist high winds, rain and vandalism. **YOUR SCARECROW MUST CONTAIN SOME VISABLE STRAW OR HAY.**
3. No mechanical assistance, tiki torches or flammable objects may be used.
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5. Scarecrows must be in good taste and constructed to withstand the weather. Scarecrows will not be accepted that reflect controversial, social or political situations. We reserve the right to refuse any scarecrow we deem inappropriate.
6. The Scarecrow Contest committee and its affiliates are not responsible for loss or damage to entries.
7. **You must bring your scarecrow to City Hall no later than Friday, September 29th for display placement. Scarecrows received after that date will not be considered for judging.**
8. Scarecrows must remain on display thru early November. Entries not picked up by November 10th will be discarded by the City.
9. Judging will take place on October 2.
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# **Alumni Reunion set for Saturday, Sept. 16 at Belleville High School**

Alumni, staff, and friends of Belleville High School will attend its annual BHS Alumni Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the BHS Commons, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. for a social gathering, school tour, and shopping in the school store. Dinner is from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person at the door. Advance reservations were at a reduced rate.

# **29<sup>th</sup>-annual ‘Half-Time Band Review’ set Sept. 20 at BHS field**

The Belleville Band Boosters are once again hosting the “Half-Time Band Review” program on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at the Belleville High School Athletic Field.

Performers at the 29<sup>th</sup>-annual event include the marching bands from Berkley, Woodhaven, Garden City, Crestwood, New Boston Huron, Monroe, and Belleville high schools.

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# VBPS board approves \$1,054,728.56 for new furniture for 3 schools

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board voted to allocate \$1,054,728.56 for new furniture for three schools – McBride Middle School and Savage and Tyler elementaries.

That figure includes a contingency of \$50,000 to move and dispose of the old furniture said James Williams, director of plant operations.

He said the board had discussed the purchase in detail at the previous meeting

and there has been a slight increase of about \$35,000 in the McBride bid. He said the plan is to replace what furniture they can during the Christmas break and then finish off during the Spring break.

He said the difference in costs between Savage and Tyler is being reviewed and they will be evened out.

In other business at Monday's 46-minute meeting, the board:

- Was advised that School Supt. Pete Kudlak is missing this meeting because he has COVID. Board president Amy Pearce said this is the first time in five years that

he has missed a meeting. But, she said, he is in constant contact with her by phone even though she keeps telling him he is supposed to rest. Board member Calvin Hawkins also was absent from the meeting;

- Heard the first reading of a board policy change as needed by the state by Oct. 1. The board will approve it at the next meeting, as recommended by its attorney. The policy has to do with unpaid student meal charges, that won't be a problem now that meals are free, but there are past-due amounts for various reasons and after the district tries to collect and fails, they will have to be written off as bad debts. Then the district will pay off the debts from the general fund. The general fund will then be reimbursed by a government grant. Other policy changes will also be presented at the next meeting, Sept. 25;

- Approved the resignation and retirement of teachers Kristen Strawsine, who resigned Aug. 25 from McBride Middle School after more than one year of service; and Julie Komaromi, who retired Sept. 13 from Savage Elementary after seven years of service;

- Approved hiring Andrew Kozelka as a STEM teacher at McBride Middle School as of Aug. 28; Chinetta McLeod as a speech pathologist at Tyler Elementary on Sept. 11; Susan Hough as art teacher at McBride on Sept. 5; and Thomas Caprara as a social studies teacher at McBride as of Sept. 11;

- Approved the resignations of Edith Jenkins from Food Service on Aug. 28 after two years of service; Erica Schimmel as a paraprofessional on Aug. 27 after one year of service; and Sheree Smith as a bus driver on Aug. 28 after one year of service;

- Approved hiring Angela Weatherspoon and Iris Jenson for Food Service at BHS as of Aug. 31; Florence Baker for Food Service at BHS as of Sept. 8; Consuello Turner as Kitchen Manager at BHS as of Sept. 7; and Stacy English as Family Liaison at the Early Childhood Center as

of Aug. 28;

- Heard Boy Scout Kenny Farr, of Troop 793, report on the completion of his Eagle Scout project at Rawsonville Elementary School. He passed before and after pictures around to the board members. Board president Pearce thanked him for working to improve his former elementary school;

- Heard the student board member report that the Powder Puff Derby is 7:30-8:30 p.m., Sept. 27; the Craft Show is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 18; and Homecoming is Sept. 30;

- Heard special education director Julian Frazier report that there is an increase in students with Individual Education Programs in the district, going up from 690 last school year to 750 this year;

- Heard Human Resources Director John Leroy report that he met with Alicia McGovern of the local Edward Jones office to set up a financial wellness program for staff. He said the goal is to start classes on finance for staff each quarter;

- Heard president Pearce say that she has been talking with Supt. Kudlak about the chatter on social media. One is about class sizes and that will be worked out, which happens at the first of every school year. Also, she said, there is a lot of chat about transportation. She said the policy is that students who live up to a mile and a half from BHS do not get transportation. She said also they do not transport schools of choice students. Those students who didn't register for transportation are being discovered and so the routes are being reevaluated;

- Also heard president Pearce say the BHS Band Review is at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 20 at the football field. She said the district is very fortunate to have Mark Laginess coordinate the project, which is a showcase of halftime shows by bands from six districts. She also announced that 144 students and 30 parents of the BHS Marching Band are preparing for a trip to Disney World and they are flying this year; and

- Went into closed-door session with the school district attorney to discuss a legal matter.

## Belleville City Council meets in closed-door session on Sept. 8

At 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, the Belleville City Council met in closed-door session for 38 minutes on an undisclosed issue, which it said was exempt from public discussion by state or federal statute.

The council went back into regular session and adjourned without taking vote except to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt was the only council member absent.



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## Former Wayne County employees arraigned on charges of stealing

Former Wayne County Roads Division employees Kevin Gunn, 64, of West Bloomfield and Jazmine Bass, 32, of Westland were charged Sept. 6 by Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy.

It is alleged that they stole over \$4,000 in county funds while they were employed by Wayne County in the Roads Division.

Kevin Gunn was the supervisor of Jazmine Bass when she worked in the Roads Division in the Bridges Department. On Dec. 5, 2022, it is alleged that Gunn diverted county workers who were paid overtime and took county-owned building materials to build out Bass' store, Romulus Nutrition, located in Romulus. Romulus Nutrition is not a Wayne County enterprise.

For their roles in the fraudulent scheme, Gunn and Bass have each been charged with one count of Larceny over \$1,000 but less than \$20,000.

On March 24, 2022, the Office of the Wayne County Executive sent WCPO an anonymous tip letter about misuse of taxpayer dollars at the Wayne County Roads Division in connection with Romulus Nutrition. They requested an investigation that was conducted

by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Criminal Investigations Division, assisted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The investigation led to the current state charges against Gunn and Bass.

"Our continued cooperation and partnership with the Prosecutor's office, emphasizes my commitment to upholding the values of transparency, accountability, and integrity in our government," said executive Warren C. Evans. "Corruption erodes the trust that our constituents place in us, and I stand firmly against any actions that compromise the well-being of our community."

"Public servants dedicate their lives working hard to serve the public," said Prosecutor Worthy. "The defendants in this case betrayed public trust by allegedly stealing for personal gain. Hopefully this case will send a message that this conduct will never be accepted in Wayne County."

Defendant Gunn was arraigned Sept. 6 in 34th District Court and given a \$5,000 personal bond. The probable cause conference is scheduled for Sept. 20 at 9 a.m. before Judge Brian Oakley.

Defendant Bass was arraigned on Aug. 29, in 34th District Court and given a \$5,000 personal bond. The probable cause conference was held Sept. 6, before Judge Lisa Martin and the probable cause conference set for Sept. 20.



## City of Belleville Public Notice



### Belleville City Council Special Meeting Monday, August 28, 2023 At 6 pm

#### Roll Call

1. Bates
2. Beebe
3. Fielder
4. Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
5. Mayor Connelly

#### Top 4 Candidates :

1. James Krizan
2. Jason Smith
3. Ryan -Ortonville
4. Steve Jones

All members of council agreed to write out their candidates in order from top candidate to bottom. Papers were then handed to me to count.

#### Candidates Tally Count:

Candidate:	1 <sup>st</sup> Position	2 <sup>nd</sup> Position	3 Position	4 <sup>th</sup> Position
1. Steve Jones	2		1	2
2. Jason Smith	1	3	1	
3. James Krizan	1	2	2	
4. Ryan Madis	1		1	3

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## City of Belleville Public Notice



### CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, August 21, 2023 - 7:30 pm**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

#### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Beebe	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Absent - Excused
Mayor Conley	Present

#### 3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

- A. Presentations
- None.
- B. Council Follow Up List
- Council Member Beebe
- Inquired about the status of the left-turn signal at Liberty/Denton/Main St.
- Asked DPS Supervisor Rutherford if everything is on track for the water-based road repairs.
- Asked if there was ever anything done regarding a citizen's complaint about drivers speeding on S. Liberty.
- Mayor Conley
- Stated that she would like to see "Road Funding" listed as on the agenda at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

#### C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- Alan Folkes stated that he and his children competed in a national blackbelt martial arts championship, and they all won gold medals.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION:** Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates to approve the agenda as presented.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

#### Motion Carried.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 7, 2023, Regular Meeting of the City Council

B. August 8, 2023, Special Meeting of the City

#### Council

**MOTION:** Motion by Beebe, supported by Bates approving the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and the Special City Council Meeting, held on Monday, August 7, 2023 and Tuesday, August 8, 2023, respectively.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

#### Motion Carried.

#### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None.

#### 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. None.

#### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

- A. Special Event Application – Monster Mutt Walk
- B. Special Event Application – Harvest Fest
- C. Special Event Application – Halloween Downtown
- D. Special Event Application – Photos with Santa

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to approve the Monster Mutt Walk, Harvest Fest, Halloween Downtown, and Photos with Santa events, as presented.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

#### Motion Carried.

E. Extension of Music Lakeside by Two Weeks

**MOTION:** Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates approving an extension of Music Lakeside by two weeks.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

#### Motion Carried.

F. Purchase of New Police Department Radios

- Acting Chief Faull presented a memo to Council regarding the purchase of new prep and in-car radios for the Police Department, explaining that the State will soon require encryption which will add extra costs.

G. Proposed Lateral Pay Letter of Understanding

**MOTION:** Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates to approve lateral pay for experienced new-hire Police

#### Officers.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

#### Motion Carried.

H. Fleet Management

**MOTION:** Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates approving the purchase of hardwired GPS tracking devices, to be installed on the City's DPS and Police vehicles, with installation on Fire Department vehicles pending with negotiation of their next contract.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

#### Motion Carried.

#### 9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

**MOTION:** Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of \$500, as presented.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

#### Motion Carried.

#### 10. ACTING CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- Acting City Manager Jones thanked everyone in attendance for coming to the meeting, noting that the room was full.

- Offered condolences to Rosemary Oztman and the staff at the Independent on the passing of Bob Mytych.

#### 11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Bates

-- Noted that it was a miracle that there were no injuries as a result of the jet crash at this year's Thunder Over Michigan Air Show.

-- Stated that while she never personally knew Bob Mytych from the Independent, she felt like she got to know him through his work. She added that she will miss seeing his drawings in the paper.

-- Said she appreciated the surface of N. Liberty becoming smooth as a result of the road work being done, and noted that she was glad the street is remaining open to traffic during the project.

Council agreed to remove Ryan from the top list of candidates

After a brief discuss about the top 3 candidates, Council member Fielder made a motion on Jason Smith, and that was seconded by Council member Bates.

After another brief discuss, Council went to a vote

#### Roll Call:

1. Bates	Yes on Jason
2. Fielder	Yes on Jason
3. Beebe	No
4. Voigt	No Reflection
5. Mayor	Yes on Jason

Council agreed to proceed forward with discussions with Jason Smith. Council also discussed the possibly changing of Steve Jones from Project Manager to Assist City Manager. Possible agenda item for next council meeting

Council Bates Motion to adjourn meeting @ 712pm

- Council all approved.

Submitted by Kristin Faull, Acting Police Chief

Approved: 9/5/23

Posted: 9/6/23

Published: 9/14/23

-- Congratulated the Folkes family on taking gold at the national championship.

- Council Member Beebe

-- Asked if it was possible to get signs posted asking attendees of Music Lakeside to stay off of the grass at Grace Baptist Church.

- Council Member Fielder

-- Stated that Bob Mytych will be missed.

-- Said that he attended the Substance Use Disorder meeting and noted that alcohol is still the number one substance causing hospital admittance in Wayne County.

#### 12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Stated that there is a lot to be celebrating and remembering tonight in regards to the life of Bob Mytych.

- Noted that school is back in session next week, and next Thursday will be the first Belleville High School football game of the season.

- Attended the recent Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association (MMRMA) Conference and mentioned that the City is slated to receive over \$50,000 from the MMRMA in distribution of excess net assets.

- Stated that she would like department heads to be apprised of any decisions or changes affecting their respective departments going forward.

- Reminded everyone that there will be a Special Meeting of the City Council held on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m., at which a selection to fill the City Manager's position will be made.

#### 13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- John Juriga inquired about the status of the donation from the Cozadd Foundation to the Fire Department.

- Alan Folkes introduced his nephew, Derek Knight, who just moved to the area from Northville.

#### 14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- None.

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

No objections were noted.

#### Motion Carried.

Submitted by Briana Hootman, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: 9/5/23

Posted: 9/6/23

Published: 9/14/23



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# Community Art Walk set for this Saturday in downtown Belleville

A Community Art Walk celebration to highlight the various art works currently in the Belleville area has been set for Saturday, Sept. 16, starting at the Fourth Street Square at 12:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Belleville City Councilman Ken Voigt and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

A docent-led tour of the Detroit Institute of

Arts' "Inside/Out" artworks in the city will be held at 1 and 3 p.m.

An illustrated map will be provided showing the locations of sculptures, Belleville Bass, Inside/Out art pieces and "Art in the Parking Lot" at Belleville High School, where students have painted their parking spots.

There will be live bands at the Fourth Street Square at 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m.

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold public hearings on **September 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room. Instructions for attending the meeting electronically are provided in this notice. The Planning Commission will consider the following items:

**Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments:** Proposed amendments that will grant the Board of Trustees the ability to modify minimum required separation requirements between licensed group day care homes upon recommendation from the Planning Commission, based upon certain findings regarding traffic management, and will define the measurement used for minimum required separation distances. The amendments will include updates to Section 5.111 of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance (Development Standards for Specific Uses - Day Care or Child Care, Group Home).

**Case 23-031:** A request by Crossroads Distribution Center North 11, LLC to construct a Distribution Center. This Distribution Center consists of one (1) building with a ground area of approximately 630,417 square feet of space and affiliated site improvements, along with grading and earthwork on property surrounding the building site. The distribution center and auxiliary improvements will be constructed on the south side of Van Born Road, west of Haggerty Road, including parcel ID 83-005-99-0009-701, 42065 Van Born Road (parcel ID 83-005-99-0010-000), 42033 (parcel ID 83-005-99-0007-000), 41941 Van Born Road (parcel ID 83-005-99-0006-000), 41861 Van Born Road (parcel ID 83-005-99-0005-000) and 42333 Van Born Road (parcel ID 83-005-99-0009-002) in property zoned M-T – Industrial Transportation District. The grading and earthwork will also involve parcels 83-005-99-0004-000, 83-005-99-0008-000, 83-005-01-0019-000, 83-005-01-0020-300, 83-005-01-0021-300, -0023-300, -0024-300, -0025-300, -0026-300, -0027-300, -0028-300, -0029-300, -0030-300, -0031-300, -0032-300, -0033-300, and -0034-300. The total affected area will be approximately 175.0 acres.

On the agenda for the meeting, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel. A complete procedure for public comment by electronic means is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website ([www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org)). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments or questions about the meeting via e-mail to [dpower@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:dpower@vanburen-mi.org). To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900, extension 9205.

Posted: September 12, 2023

Published: September 14, 2023

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Kelley. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of Parks Locke, Director of Recreation Zaenglein, Director of Municipal Services Akers, DDA Director Coburn, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power and an audience of five (5).

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA:** Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** Budd moved, Frazier seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2023, Budget Review Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2023, Prepaid List of August 3, 2023, Prepaid List of August 10, 2023, Prepaid List of August 17, 2023, Prepaid List of August 24, 2023, Prepaid List of August 31, 2023, Voucher List of August 15, 2023, Voucher List of September 5, 2023, Approval of Resolution 2023-19: 2023 Tax Rate Request, Approval of Resolution 2023-20: Alternate Date for the July and December Board of Reviews, Approval of Stormwater Maintenance Agreement and Board Resolution 2023-22 with MP-Detroit, LLC (Kenworth Trucking), at 44660 North Interstate 94 Service Drive, Approval of Resolution 2023-21: Transferring ownership of parcel 83 022 99 00010 702 to Mr. Kassem Allie, Approval of Stormwater Maintenance Agreement and Board Resolution 2023-23 with Van Buren Investors Land Holding, LLC (Hampton Manor) at 43345 Tyler Road, Approval of the agreement with Norfolk Southern Railroad to construct Iron Belle Trail Section J rail crossing for a reimbursable cost of \$50,423 that was approved by the Board on November 15, 2022 and Approval of the

reappointment of Aaron Sellers to the Board of Zoning Appeals with a term to expire December 1, 2026. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** A moment of silence was held in remembrance of beloved community members Bob Mytych, Belleville Independent employee, and Sharon Richendollar, Lincoln Consolidated School's teacher.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Frazier moved, Boynton seconded to approve Wade Trim to provide Professional Engineering Design for water main in conjunction with the Belleville Road Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$98,394.92. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Boynton seconded to approve purchasing two F-150 trucks for the Water and Sewer Department Fleet in the amount of \$95,196.64 from the Water Capital Outlay-Vehicle and Equipment Account. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Boynton seconded to approve the selection of Davenport Brothers Construction for the French Landing Dock renovation project for a total of \$616,900 and the associated budget amendment. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** The Financial Reports of April 2023, May 2023 and June 2023 were accepted as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** A resident inquired on how trash and recycling services are funded and which methods the Township used to notify residents of the recent change to paying for trash and recycling services.

**BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** The Board commented on the recent disasters the Township has faced this month such as fires, a plane crash and hostage situation, and commended Van Buren Township Police and Fire Department's on their excellent work handling the situations. Trustee Boynton recently attended a practice exercise hosted by Norfolk Southern for first responders and enjoyed the experience.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Boynton moved; Wright seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor  
Published: September 14, 2023



## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 320 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

### Sunday, Sept. 3:

0059 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.  
0107 – civil matter, Timberland Dr.  
0204 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0645 – civil matter, Holly Ln.  
0740 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0759 – assist fire dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.  
0814 – intrusion alarm, Coca-Cola Dr.  
0843 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.  
0853 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
0921 – abandoned auto, Martinsville Rd./E. Huron River Dr.  
1007 – abandoned auto, Stratford Dr./Churchill Dr.  
1027 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beckley Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1038 – sexual assault, E. Walden Dr.  
1134 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1256 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.  
1300 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1307 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1337 – threat, Martinsville Rd.  
1415 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville  
1421 – misc. complaint, Northshore/lake  
1422 – suicidal person, Lake Villa Dr.  
1458 – misc. complaint, Denton/bridge  
1507 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./E. I-94  
1554 – malicious destruction of property, Chaney  
1651 – domestic, Parkwood  
1734 – trespassing, McBride Ave.  
1808 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1824 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd.  
1836 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.  
1937 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Walden Blvd.  
2013 – misc. complaint, Oak Ln.  
2028 – traffic offense, Christina Ln./Basswood Cir.  
2035 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
2101 – suicidal person, E. Archwood Dr.  
2109 – assist other dept., Cogswell Rd./McDonald  
2111 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
2307 -- suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.

### Monday, Sept. 4:

0809 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
1002 – missing person, Bemis Rd.  
1036 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1128 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1243 – family trouble, Winding Pond Dr.  
1330 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1339 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.  
1344 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1459 – welfare check, Michigan Ave./Dellor St.  
1511 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Beck  
1556 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1613 – disorderly, Oak Ln.  
1706 – 911 welfare check, Country Walk Blvd.  
1722 – domestic, McKinley St.  
1744 – sexual assault, St. Joe's hospital  
1752 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1800 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Chaney  
2059 – property damage accident, Harmony Ln./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2114 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2143 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.

### Tuesday, Sept. 5:

0010 – operating while intoxicated, Westlake  
0141 – assist fire dept., Aspen Ln.  
0324 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
0515 – assist fire dept., Denton Rd.  
0659 – malicious destruction of property, Denton  
0722 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.  
0729 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
0746 – warrant arrest, E. I-94/Rawsonville ramp  
0750 – property damage accident, McBride  
0800 – road hazard, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0833 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0905 – neighbor trouble, Filmore St.

0958 – disorderly, Oak Ln.  
1135 – 911 welfare check, Winding Pond Dr.  
1214 – follow up by officer, Bemis Rd.  
1216 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1328 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1430 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.  
1453 – animal complaint, Water's Edge Apt.  
1459 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.  
1513 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lacy Dr.  
1607 – assist fire dept., America  
1639 – repossession, Westlake  
1713 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1726 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Wheeler St.  
1730 – welfare check, Denton Rd.  
1749 – threat, Parkwood Dr.  
1749 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1755 – animal complaint, Riggs Rd.  
1817 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.  
2018 – family trouble, McKinley St.  
2139 – fraud, Greenbriar Dr.  
2223 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
2237 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.

### Wednesday, Sept. 6:

0658 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275  
0817 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Dellor St.  
0905 – threat, Jeremy Rd.  
0936 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Old Michigan Rd.  
1001 – repossession, Winchester St.  
1028 – private property impound, Haggerty Rd.  
1155 – larceny, Denton Rd.  
1407 – fraud, N. Bellridge Dr.  
1415 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.  
1513 – welfare check, Oak Ln.  
1530 – warrant arrest, E. Ann Arbor Rd./I-275  
1604 – traffic offense, S. I-275/Ecorse  
1620 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.  
1626 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Park Estates Dr.  
1736 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.  
1822 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1843 – civil matter, Country Walk Ct.  
1917 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.  
1927 – private property/property damage accident, Oak Ln.  
1942 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.  
2129 – harassment call, Brookview Dr.  
2321 – neighbor trouble, Purple Sage Ct.  
2358 – parking complaint, Purple Sage Ct.

### Thursday, Sept. 7:

0413 – repossession, Parkwood Dr.  
0418 – shooting, Vernon St./Victoria Ln.  
0428 – civil matter, McKinley St.  
0549 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Cumberland Dr./Hanover Dr.  
0559 – domestic, Van Born  
0934 – lost property/child, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0957 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1352 – abandoned auto, Alden Ave./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1444 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd./Bemis Rd.  
1458 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.  
1527 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, McBride Ave.  
1723 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.  
1916 – traffic offense, Morton Taylor/Van Born  
1927 – assist other dept., Ecorse/I-275  
1949 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.  
2111 – welfare check, Hardwood Dr.  
2339 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.

### Friday, Sept. 8:

0002 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd.  
0042 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
0055 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Country Ln./America  
0113 – intrusion alarm, Van Born  
0723 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
0804 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.  
0833 – assist fire dept., Martinsville Rd.  
0907 – intrusion alarm, Brookview Dr.  
0912 – threat, Denton Rd.  
0951 – breaking & entering, Burtrig St.

1033 – misc. complaint, Estates  
1130 – assist other dept., Maurice Dr.  
1209 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.  
1352 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hanover Dr.  
1407 – property damage accident, South St./Sumpter Rd.  
1526 – fraud, Bog Rd.  
1536 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd.  
1553 – civil matter, Basswood Cir.  
1551 – property damage accident, Ecorse / Belleville  
1557 – misc. complaint, Chloe Ct.  
1652 – fraud, W. Huron River Dr.  
1837 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd.  
1950 – welfare check, Denton Rd.  
1957 – found property/child, Van Buren/Hayes  
2012 – intrusion alarm, Rock Creek Dr.  
2123 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty/I-94  
2212 – suicidal person, Denton Rd.

### Saturday, Sept. 9:

0032 – assist fire dept., Anna Dr.  
0156 – domestic, Milton Dr.  
0213 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.  
0226 – domestic, W. Archwood Dr.  
0233 – assault & battery, Hull Rd.  
0340 – noise complaint, Westlake  
0938 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1000 – domestic, Holly Ln.  
1018 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.  
1021 – found property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1042 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1048 – welfare check, WB Michigan Ave./bypass  
1207 – civil matter, Rose Blvd.  
1227 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.  
1311 – trespassing, Belle Pointe Dr.  
1359 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1420 – traffic offense, Andover Dr./Tyler Rd.  
1546 – domestic, Coolidge  
1553 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.  
1626 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1707 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.  
1728 – welfare check, Hickory Woods  
1757 – intrusion alarm, Florence Ln.  
1846 – intrusion alarm, Gilmore St.  
2039 – assist other dept., Lauren Ct.  
2213 – neighbor trouble, Purple Sage Ct.  
2220 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
2257 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Burtrig St.  
2331 – noise complaint, Chandler  
2334 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2334 – mental subject, Sadie Ln.  
2354 – welfare check, NB I-275 exit ramp/Ecorse  
Also on this week's log are 128 traffic stops, 36 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Sept. 3:

0353 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
0835 – threat, Loza Ln.  
0839 – 911 welfare check, Oxford Ct.  
1610 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
1651 – harassment call, E. Thornhill Ct.  
1951 – warrant arrest, Main St.  
2003 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St.  
2114 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.  
2134 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.  
2203 – property damage accident, Main St.  
2357 – assault & battery, E. Huron River Dr.

### Monday, Sept. 4:

0235 – intrusion alarm, Main St.  
0903 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
1232 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell Rd.  
1306 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
1339 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.  
1448 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.  
1509 – traffic stop, Angola St./Roland St.  
1534 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs  
1551 – traffic stop, Brain St.  
1626 – traffic stop, High St./Brain St.  
1640 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell Rd.  
1649 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell Rd.  
1657 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Melody Ln.  
1704 – traffic stop, Elwell Rd./W. Huron River Dr.  
1817 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.

1833 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty  
1953 – assist fire dept., Denton Cemetery  
2115 – welfare check, Main St.

### Tuesday, Sept. 5:

0317 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Thornhill Ct./Victorian Ln.  
0810 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.  
0825 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
0845 – juvenile complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr. / W. Columbia Ave.  
0856 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
0906 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
0928 – traffic stop, Madelon St./E. Columbia Ave.  
1007 – found property/child, Main St.  
1015 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.  
1245 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./RR tracks  
1411 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.  
1431 – assist other dept., Huron/Elwell  
1510 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./High St.  
1618 – harassment call, Carmell St.

### Wednesday, Sept. 6:

0101 – intrusion alarm, Main St.  
0117 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.  
0523 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.  
0936 – mental subject, Carmell St.  
1016 – mental subject, Carmell St.  
1043 – assist fire dept., Owen St.  
1137 – assist other dept., South St./Henry St.  
1502 – parking complaint, Sumpter Rd.  
1511 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola  
1907 – civil matter, Carmell St.  
1938 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Liberty St.

### Thursday, Sept. 7:

0946 – noise complaint, Light Tower Ct.  
1054 – 911 welfare check, Carmell St.  
1137 – fraud, Fifth St.  
1603 – private property/property damage accident, S. Edgemont Ave.  
1601 – civil matter, Carmell St.  
1848 – parking complaint, Sumpter Rd.  
2209 – 911 welfare check, N. Liberty St.  
2343 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

### Friday, Sept. 8:

0925 – parking complaint, Third St./N. Liberty St.  
1016 – fraud, Huron River Dr.  
1130 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
1236 – property damage accident, Main St./Denton  
1340 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
1352 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon  
1410 – property damage accident, South/Sumpter  
1621 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.  
1903 – misc. complaint, E. Columbia Ave.  
1904 – found property/child, Main St.

### Saturday, Sept. 9:

0141 – noise complaint, Astor Pl.  
0223 – vehicle lockout, Main St.  
1022 – 911 welfare check, Carmell St.  
1100 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave. / Church St.  
1111 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1300 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.  
1412 – missing person, Carmell St.  
There were 27 traffic stops on this week's log.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Sept. 3:

0351 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.  
0716 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Willis  
0731 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd./Judd Rd.  
0815 – mental health call, Timberlane Dr.  
1208 – civil matter, Magnolia Dr.  
1218 – suspicious circumstance, 40000 bl. Willis  
1750 – felony warrant arrest, Sumpter/Dunn  
1833 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2026 – follow-up investigation, Virginia St.

### Monday, Sept. 4:

0450 – mental health call, Montana St.  
0845 – traffic complaint/road, 41000 bl. Bemis  
1207 – mental health call, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1554 – animal bite, Wayside Dr.  
1723 – alarm, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1914 – shots fired, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
2016 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. / Judd Rd.

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## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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2219 – motorist assist, Willow Rd./Clark Rd.

**Tuesday, Sept. 5:**

0041 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.

0215 – assist other agency, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.

0244 – 911 hang up, Magnolia Dr.

0859 – animal complaint, Judd Rd./Martinsville

0914 – assault, Mulberry Dr.

0953 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.

1059 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.

1103 – neighbor dispute, 17000 Lohr Rd.

1112 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.

1128 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1307 – citizen assist, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.

1338 – civil matter, Texas St.

1505 – civil matter, Magnolia Dr.

1554 – shots fired, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1654 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1725 – neighbor dispute, 23000 bl. Martinsville

1731 – felony warrant arrest, out of township

1817 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Martinsville Rd./Mulberry Dr.

2017 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Westcott Dr.

2123 – civil matter, Tamarack Dr.

2153 – follow up investigation, 51000 bl. Arkona

2204 – property damage accident, Willow/Sumpter

**Wednesday, Sept. 6:**

0155 – suspicious circumstance, Nevada St.

0637 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Judd

0849 – juvenile matter, Rustic Ln.

0932 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis

1201 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Bemis

1205 – civil matter, Nevada St.

1348 – civil matter, Birch Dr.

1635 – property damage accident, Mulberry Dr. / Martinsville Rd.

1800 – neighbor dispute, 23000 bl. Martinsville

1819 – civil matter, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1821 – fire dept. assist, Iowa St.

1939 – ORV complaint, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.

2042 – welfare check, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2105 – felony warrant arrest, Washington St.

2307 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter Rd. / Clay Rd.

2352 – follow-up investigation, Washinton St.

**Thursday, Sept. 7:**

0051 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1253 – 911 hang up, Virginia St ./Georgia St.

1326 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1505 – welfare check, Magnolia Dr.

1610 – traffic complaint/hazard, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1620 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.

1729 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1813 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Wear

2340 – citizen assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

**Friday, Sept. 8:**

0607 – death investigation, Delaware St.

0737 – animal complaint, Birch Dr.

0739 – family trouble, Indiana St.

0933 – civil matter, Brookview Dr.

0935 – fire dept. assist, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1000 – lost property, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.

1330 – harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter

1346 – fire dept. assist, Magnolia Dr.

1511 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.

1818 – suspicious person, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.

2000 – flee & elude police, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

2237 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.

2302 – property damage accident, Birch Dr.

**Saturday, Sept. 9:**

0059 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.

0819 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0846 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.

0944 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1055 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.

1111 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1134 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1140 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.

1253 – traffic complaint/hazard, 40000 bl. Wear

1404 – noise complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.

1524 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1537 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter

1538 – assist other agency, 9000 bl. Rawsonville

2038 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

2257 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Bemis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.

Also on this week's log are 98 patrol checks, 69 traffic stops, and seven misc. details.





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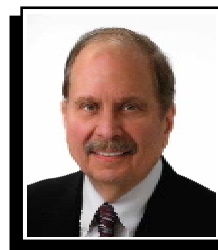
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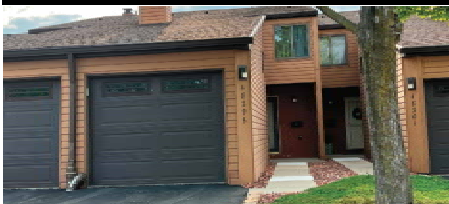
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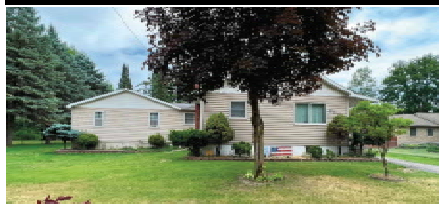
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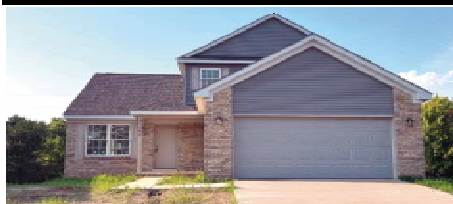
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